

SEATTLE BIKEABILITY TOUR REPORT: WEST SEATTLE

Bikeability Tour Date: July 26, 2012

Purpose: To identify challenges and opportunities for better bicycling in West Seattle, including what could be done to improve safety, connectivity, and comfort for bicycle riders of all ages and abilities.

Attendees: See Attachment A

General Recommendations

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Specific Recommendations

Area: Intersection of SW Spokane St/W Marginal Way SW/Delridge Way SW

Observations:

- Confusing area for bike riders – it is difficult to know where to cross the intersection.
- The traffic lights take an exceptionally long time to change in high-traffic conditions, which can have the effect of encouraging unsafe behavior.

Specific Recommendations:

- Add better signage and pavement markings.
- Adjust signal timing and install additional bicycle detection loops.
- Install green bike lane and box at north to west turn connecting West Seattle Bridge Trail to Alki Trail.
- Improve crossing of Delridge Way SW here (right only lane by bridge support) to improve visibility or eliminate this lane all together if possible.



Area: Alki Trail/SW Spokane St/Harbor Ave SW/SW Avalon Way

Observations:

- Difficult southbound (left) turn onto Avalon or straight (west) to 30th Ave SW from Alki Trail due to a blind corner.

Specific Recommendations:

- Add a bicycle and pedestrian signal phase before vehicles are given the green light.
- Add green bike box to direct bike riders for these movements.
- Lower the wall currently obstructing drivers' view of Spokane St and adjacent Alki Trail.
- Add signage in advance of intersection to direct bike riders to Alaska Junction, Admiral, or Alki



Area: SW Avalon Way/Fauntleroy Way SW/West Seattle Triangle

Observations:

- Better connection is needed between the intersection of Avalon and 35th and the bike lane on Fauntleroy.
- Difficult to turn left from SW Avalon Way onto 36th Ave SW.
- When heading south on Fauntleroy, bike lane suddenly ends and bike riders must immediately merge with heavy vehicle traffic.

Specific Recommendations:

- Improve the left turn movement from Avalon to 36th Ave SW, possibly through use of a bike box, stop sign(al) for right turning cars, expedite planned improvements.
- Provide dedicated bike lane on Fauntleroy heading southbound from SW Alaska St.
- Consider green bike lane and box and advance signal for left turns (west to southbound).

Area: *SW Orchard St*

Observations:

- Lack of defined shoulder makes bike riders nervous when they unintentionally hold up traffic.

Specific Recommendations:

- Repave or re-stripe the roadway and install bike lanes on Orchard.

Area: *Delridge Way SW*

Observations:

- North South corridor that is high traffic volume, relatively flat, and not attractive to all riders.

Specific recommendations:

- Extend bike facilities the entire length of Delridge Way SW – not just the north end.
- Identify and route parallel streets for alternatives for the entire length (bridge to Roxbury).
- Connect planned greenway on 26th Ave SW at the north end to SW Andover St. Study connection at south end.
- Consider routing and facilities on 20th Ave SW (or similar) Roxbury to SW Holden St. Study connection to 21st Ave SW or 26th from there.

Area: *35th Ave SW*

Observations:

- North South corridor that is high traffic volume, relatively flat, and not attractive to bicycle riders.

Specific recommendations:

- Consider routing and facilities on 34th Ave SW from SW 106th St to High Point.
- Consider routing and facilities on 36th from High Point to SW Hudson St.



Attachment A

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